"I shall open my mouth..."

Ode 1

Tone 4

Canon of the Theotokos

I shall open my mouth, and the Spirit will inspire it,

and I shall utter the words of my song to the Queen and Mother;

I shall be seen radiantly keeping feast

and joyfully praising her wonders.
Ode 3

Canon of the Theotokos - Tone 4

O Mother of God, thou living and plentiful fount,

give strength to those united in spiritual fellowship,

who sing hymns of praise to thee; and in thy divine glory,

vouchsafe unto them crowns of glory.
Canon of the Theotokos - Tone 4

Ode 4

He Who sits in glory, upon the throne of the Godhead,

Jesus the true God, is come in a light cloud,

and with His pure hand He has saved those who cry:

Glo - ry to Thy pow - er, O Christ.
Ode 5

The whole world was amazed at thy divine glory,

for thou, O Virgin who hast not known wedlock, has held in thy

womb the God of all, and hast given birth to an eternal Son,

Who rewards with salvation all who sing thy praises.
Ode 6

As we celebrate this sacred and solemn feast of the Mother of God,

Let us come clapping our hands, O people of the Lord,

and give glory to God Who was born of her.
Ode 7

The holy children bravely trampled upon the threatening fire,
preferring not to worship created things rather than the Creator,
and they sang in joy: 'Blessed art Thou and praised above all,
O Lord God of our fathers.'
The Offspring of the Theotokos, saved the holy children in the furnace, He Who was then prefigured has since been born on earth,

and He gathers together all the creation to sing,

O all ye works of the Lord, praise ye the Lord
We praise, we bless, we worship the Lord; praising and supremely exalting Him unto all ages.

Ode 8 (continued)

and exalt Him above all forever.

Before the Katavasia at the 8th Ode:
Let every mortal born on earth, carrying his torch, in spirit leap for joy;

and let the order of angelic powers celebrate and honor

the holy feast of the Mother of God, and let them cry:

Rejoice, all blessed Theotokos, pure and ever Virgin.